

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 2~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the pistons actuate under the influence of a biasing member.

5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4, wherein the pistons comprise subsystem members positioned to rotatably engage the biasing member.

6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4, wherein the biasing member travels upwardly through the wellbore.

7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 6, further comprising a wireline adapted to engage the biasing member, the wireline being insertable into the wellbore under influence of a fluid.

8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the wireline comprises a plurality of flanges adapted to receive the fluid.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 1~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the expansion tool comprises an inflatable member disposed along a central mandrel.

10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the inflatable member comprises a plurality of inflatable members and inflates via a liquid.

11. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 1~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the expansion tool comprises a compressible elastomer.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 1~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the expansion tool comprises a compressible spring, the spring being adapted to radially expand during transition from a compressed configuration to an expanded configuration.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 14~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, the expansion tool further comprising a roller, wherein the roller comprises elliptical members having an interior engagement surface; and

further comprising an axle, wherein the interior engagement surface of the roller travels along a circumference of the axle.

17. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 1~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable

portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the expansion portion comprises a plurality of expandable discs.

18. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, further comprising a removable sleeve disposed about the expandable discs, wherein the sleeve retains the expandable discs in a compressed configuration.

19. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 1~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the expansion tool comprises a first rotating member coupled to a second rotating member, wherein rotation of the first member about the second member provides the radial expansion force.

20. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 1~~ A system for expanding the diameter of a tubular disposed within a wellbore, comprising:

an expandable tubular having an interior surface; and

an expansion tool configured to fit within a perimeter defined by the interior surface, the expansion tool having a selectively expandable portion, wherein the selectively expandable portion imparts a radial expansion force against the interior surface to drive the expandable tubular to an expanded state, wherein the expansion tool comprises a plurality of block members, wherein at least one of the plurality of block members is adapted to travel radially outward in response to an axial compressive force.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 21~~ An expansion system to expand a tubular disposed in a wellbore, comprising:

an expansion mechanism sized for deployment within the interior of the tubular, the expansion mechanism comprising a radially expandable portion, the radially expandable portion being configured to enable selective expansion of the tubular to an expanded state by imparting a force directed radially against the tubular, wherein the expansion mechanism comprises an inflatable member disposed along a supporting mandrel.

24. (Currently amended) ~~The system as recited in claim 21~~ An expansion system to expand a tubular disposed in a wellbore, comprising:

an expansion mechanism sized for deployment within the interior of the tubular, the expansion mechanism comprising a radially expandable portion, the radially expandable portion being configured to enable selective expansion of the tubular to an expanded state by imparting a force directed radially against the tubular, wherein the expansion mechanism comprises an expansion plate biased in a radially outward direction with respect to an axis of the wellbore.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) An expansion device for expanding a tubular within a wellbore, comprising a mandrel having a stepped profile oriented to engage an interior surface of the tubular, the stepped profile being formed of adjacent stages, each stage having a smaller diameter than the preceding stage along the direction of movement of the mandrel during expansion.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) The expansion device as recited in claim 27, wherein the stepped profile extends along a portion of the mandrel in an axial direction.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 30~~ A method for expanding a tubular having contracted and expanded states, comprising:
disposing a tubular in a contracted state within a wellbore;
disposing an expansion tool at least partially within an interior region of the contracted tubular; and
activating an expansion portion of the expansion tool such that the expansion portion imparts a radial force on the tubular sufficient to transition the tubular to a radially expanded configuration, wherein activating comprises inflating a plurality of tubes.

32. (Currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 30~~ A method for expanding a tubular having contracted and expanded states, comprising:
disposing a tubular in a contracted state within a wellbore;
disposing an expansion tool at least partially within an interior region of the contracted tubular; and
activating an expansion portion of the expansion tool such that the expansion portion imparts a radial force on the tubular sufficient to transition the tubular to a radially expanded configuration, wherein activating comprises rotating the expansion member.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 30~~ A method for expanding a tubular having contracted and expanded states, comprising:
disposing a tubular in a contracted state within a wellbore;
disposing an expansion tool at least partially within an interior region of the

contracted tubular; and
activating an expansion portion of the expansion tool such that the expansion portion
imparts a radial force on the tubular sufficient to transition the tubular to a radially expanded
configuration, wherein activating comprises removing a sleeve positioned to restrict expansion of
the expansion portion.

35. (Currently amended) ~~The method as recited in claim 30~~ A method for
expanding a tubular having contracted and expanded states, comprising:
disposing a tubular in a contracted state within a wellbore;
disposing an expansion tool at least partially within an interior region of the
contracted tubular; and
activating an expansion portion of the expansion tool such that the expansion portion
imparts a radial force on the tubular sufficient to transition the tubular to a radially expanded
configuration, wherein activating comprises compressing the expansion tool via an axial
compressive force.

36. (Canceled)